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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA ANNEXES: SPC MEETING JULY 14

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(B) STATE 163672 (DTG 140009Z JUL 77),
(C) NATO 6580 (DTG 081455Z JUL 77),
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SUMMARY: SPC ON JULY 14 AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO US PREFER-
ENCE TO INCLUDE IN THE MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS TOTALS
ONLY PERSONNEL SERVING ON MULTILATERAL STAFFS. MBFR STAFF
GROUP WILL NOW PREPARE DATA TABLES ON THIS BASIS, WHICH WE
SHALL TRANSMIT UPON RECEIPT. SPC APPEARED CLOSE TO AGREE-
MENT BOTH ON DATA ANNEX I (GROUND MANPOWER BY MAJOR FORMA-
TIONS AND OTHER PERSONNEL) AND ON ANNEX III (DIVISIONAL
DATA). WE ARE AWAITING US CONTRIBUTION ON ANNEX II (AIR

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MANPOWER). ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 7 BELOW. END
SUMMARY.

1. ON THE MORNING OF JULY 14, WE DISCUSSED FULLY WITH
GROUP CAPTAIN SMITH AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MBFR STAFF GROUP
THE CONTENT OF REF A, REGARDING DEFINITION OF PERSONNEL TO
BE INCLUDED IN THE MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS TOTALS. SMITH

AGREED WITH US PREFERENCE TO INCLUDE ONLY THOSE PERSONNEL SERVING ON MULTILATERAL STAFFS.

2. AT THE SPC MEETING, US REP (MOORE) STATED THE US PREFERENCE TO INCLUDE ONLY PERSONNEL SERVING ON STAFFS, IN THE INTEREST OF HAVING A PRECISE, EXPLAINABLE DEFINITION. (IN SPC, WE DID NOT GO INTO THE REMAINDER OF REF A OR THE NUMBERS.) MC REP (GROUP CAPTAIN SMITH) SUPPORTED THE US PREFERENCE. HE NOTED THAT THE MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS FIGURES PREPARED BY STAFF GROUP AND LISTED IN DATA ANNEX I INCLUDED NOT ONLY SUCH PERSONNEL, BUT ALSO PERSONNEL BUDGETARILY SUPPORTED BY MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS BUT NOT ASSIGNED TO SUCH HEADQUARTERS. HE SAID THAT LIMITING THE HEADQUARTERS FIGURES SIMPLY TO ASSIGNED PERSONNEL WOULD BE A CLEARER AND MORE DEFENSIBLE METHOD. HE ESTIMATED THAT THIS METHOD WOULD REDUCE THE PRESENT STAFF GROUP FIGURE FOR MULTILATERAL PERSONNEL BY 2000.

3. SPC AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO REVISE THE LEAD-IN TO PARA 3 OF BOTH ANNEX I AND ANNEX II TO READ "PERSONNEL SERVING ON STAFFS OF MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS." SPC ASKED MBFR STAFF GROUP TO REVISE THE FIGURES IN PARA 3 OF BOTH ANNEXES ACCORDINGLY. MC REP ESTIMATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE THE REVISED FIGURES BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JULY 15. FRG REP (CITRON), WHILE ACCEPTING THESE CHANGES AD REFERENDUM, HOPED THAT THE MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS FIGURE WOULD NOT
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DROP TOO LOW, SINCE THIS IS THE LAST REMAINING VEIL AGAINST THE CALCULATION OF NATIONAL TOTALS. (COMMENT: MBFR STAFF GROUP IN REVISING THE FIGURES IN PARA 3 OF BOTH ANNEXES WILL USE THE 1008 FIGURE FOR US GROUND PERSONNEL AND THE 720 FIGURE FOR US AIR PERSONNEL IN REF A, AND THE ANALOGOUS FIGURES FOR THE OTHER ALLIES. END COMMENT)

4. SPC ALSO AGREED TO DELETE PARA 4 OF ANNEX I ON DIVISIONAL DATA, AND TO HAVE A SEPARATE ANNEX III ON DIVISIONAL DATA. (COMMENT: WITH THE REVISION OF PARA 3 AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND THE DELETION OF PARA 4, ANNEX I WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR INSTRUCTIONS, AND READY FOR SPC AGREEMENT IF THE AD REFERENDUM APPROVAL OF THE APPROACH IN PARA 3 OF ANNEX I HOLDS UP. END COMMENT)

5. FRG REP AND UK REP (MARGETSON) STATED THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES COULD GENERALLY ACCEPT ANNEX II ON AIR MANPOWER. DUTCH REP (KUETHE) SAID THAT BOTH ANNEX I AND ANNEX II WERE UNDER REVIEW IN THE HAGUE. US REP NOTED THAT WASHINGTON WOULD BE COMMENTING SOON ON ANNEX II. PER PARA 4, REF B, HE PROPOSED MBFR WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF RELEASING AIR MANPOWER DATA, TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE

NEXT ROUND. HE NOTED THAT THIS STUDY SHOULD NOT DELAY PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF ANNEX II. FRG REP AND CANADIAN REP (BARTLEMAN) SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL, AND UK REP SAID HE WOULD AGREE AD REFERENDUM. MC REP SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THERE WERE NO ADVERSE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS TO RELEASING THE DATA ON MAJOR AIR FORMATIONS, AND THIS WOULD BE EVIDENT AT THE OUTSET OF THE STUDY. HE THUS ANTICIPATED THAT THE STUDY WOULD CONCENTRATE ON AIR UNITS BELOW THE LEVEL OF MAJOR AIR FORMATIONS. THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN COMPLETING THE STUDY PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE NEXT ROUND. MBFR STAFF GROUP WILL NOW START WORK ON THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE

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STUDY.

6. WE STATED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE SUGGESTED ANNEX III ON DIVISIONAL DATA CIRCULATED BY STAFF GROUP AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING (WHICH WAS PARA 3, REF C MINUS THE SECTION ON INDEPENDENT BRIGADES AND REGIMENTS). BELGIAN REP (CROLLEN) NOTED BELGIUM'S PROBLEM WITH THE TREATMENT OF BELGIAN DATA IN THIS TABLE (PARA 6, REF D). HE SAID THAT HIS AUTHORTIES WOULD PREFER THAT THIS TABLE NOT LIST THE BELGIAN BRIGADES, BUT SIMPLY REFER TO "1 AND 16 DIV. HQS" WITH THE TOTAL OF 15,716. (COMMENT: SPC SEEMS VIRTUALLY AGREED ON ANNEX III. END COMMENT)

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE BY MONDAY,
JULY 18, THE GUIDANCE ON ANNEX II ON AIR MANPOWER REFERRED
TO IN PARA 6, REF E, FOR DISCUSSION WITH MBFR STAFF GROUP.
NEXT SPC MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, JULY 22, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD
CALL A MEETING EARLIER IF IT SEEMED APPROPRIATE. WITH
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TIMELY US CONTRIBUTION ON AIR MANPOWER TO MBFR STAFF GROUP,
SPC COULD APPROVE ALL THREE ANNEXES AT THAT MEETING.
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